

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 15-18 are pending and have been rejected. Claims 1-9 and 15-18 remain in the case.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, and 15-18 are rejected under Section 103(a) based on Tsuchiya *et al.* in view of Abarra *et al.* Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under Section 103(a) based on Tsuchiya *et al.* in view of Abarra *et al.* in view of Schneemeyer *et al.* ('392). Claim 7 is rejected under Section 103(a) based on Tsuchiya *et al.* in view of Abarra *et al.* in view of Hartsough ('385). Forwarded herewith is a sworn translation of the priority document for this case, so that applicant can antedate the effective date of Tsuchiya *et al.* Therefore the pending rejections are moot, and their withdrawal is respectfully requested.

If there are any problems with this response, or if the examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call. In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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